



Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It seems like such a small and simple gesture. It is easy to do, and the decision is centered on reasons that are personal and different for each of us.

I choose to wear a protective mask for my family and friends. I wrote those words on the mask I was given to wear recently at an event organized by Salt Lake County as part of the #MaskUpUtah awareness campaign sponsored

by the Utah Hospital Association and the state's four largest health care providers.

Statewide, we all are encouraged to wear a mask when we cannot put a social distance of at least 6 feet between ourselves and another, and in Salt Lake County where the virus has taken a greater hold, we are required to wear a mask in public places. The latest research indicates that wearing a mask that covers our mouth and nose can significantly cut exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, and if two people are in close proximity and both are wearing masks, the spread is limited even more. This is because the primary way the virus is transmitted is person to person through the respiratory droplets that naturally occur when we breath or talk, sneeze and cough.

So I don't wear a mask for myself. I wear it to protect those I love. Yes, it's inconvenient and can be annoying. It doesn't feel comfortable and we're not used to it. But we are facing a virus that we have never confronted before, so I view it as the least I can do to help get things back to normal. It's a small and simple act of compassion for others.

At this past month's #MaskUpUtah event at Rio Tinto Stadium in Sandy, I joined mayors from across the Salt Lake Valley in urging Utahns to continue wearing masks to slow the spread of COVID-19. We stood on colorful disks spread 6 feet apart on the field where I learned some of the personal reasons my colleagues were choosing to wear a mask. Some said they did so for their community. Others pointed to their parents or grandparents, their neighbors and loved ones. A bevy of mascots, all wearing masks, were doing it for their teams! (See pictures of the event and the mask-wearing mascots at www.taylorsvilleut.gov).

I hope you will take some time to think about the reasons you are wearing a mask when you go out in public. It is important. It will make a difference, and it means so much to me that our community is doing all we can do.

—Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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Leaders Take a Peek at the PAC during Annual Summer Summit



Every detail of the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center was contemplated — from fold-out seating in the center's smaller 200-seat theater to a walkable tension grid for lighting, a "chair wagon" that will provide extra seating when the orchestra pit is not used and rehearsal space where flexible floors bounce like a ballet studio.

The construction of the new Performing Arts Center, which will be complete this fall, is thoughtful and contemporary, innovative and technical. "The work is remarkable," said Taylorsville Mayor Kristie Overson. "The center is coming together beautifully. It is even better than I could have imagined. Without question, the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center will be a jewel of our community, to be enjoyed by many generations."

Business leaders and government representatives toured construction of the center during the City of Taylorsville's Summer Summit on June 25. It is the second year that Taylorsville has held such a summit, which city leaders expect to make an annual tradition.

See a photo gallery of this year's event at www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Like last year, when the city outlined its 2020 Vision for the next decade, this year's Summer Summit created a chance to network and learn more about the happenings of the city. Those attending were able to gather information

about the many projects underway in Taylorsville, including the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and City Center landscape design project that is in process and will bring the new arts center and City Hall together into one community-centric space.

At this year's Summer Summit for business leaders, attendees were able to get a sneak peek of the arts center, as well as visit with city leaders and eat lunch at the Cupbop food truck that was parked in front of City Hall. Workers



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from the construction site and city employees also were invited to pick up a lunch provided by the city.

Members of the Youth Council checked in attendees and gave them safety gear to wear for the tours. Those attending could also “test drive” the velvet-covered seating that will be installed in the theater. Sample chairs were placed near the check-in where attendees could sit. Also



placed there were photographs showing the progression of the construction and a display wall where attendees could view the theater's finishes up close.

General contractor Jacobsen Construction provided 20-minute tours of the center's “front and back of the house” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for groups of about 15 people at a time. In one tour, attendees expressed “oohs and aahs” as they rounded a corner and entered the center's main 440-seat proscenium theater. “Amazing,” one attendee exclaimed while taking in the expanse of the theater's balcony space and stage walls that rise 75 feet high.

The Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is being built to handle increasing demand for high-quality performing arts productions in the fast-growing middle and southwest Salt Lake Valley. Salt Lake County's Arts & Culture Division will manage the theater including ticket and event management, as well as provide technical support.

“There is a strong demand in our community for high-quality performing arts space,” said Doug Carley, Jacobsen Construction Project Manager, who led the tours along with Project Engineer Burke Peterson. “This venue will enrich people's quality of life for many decades to come.”

Carley and Peterson pointed out the contemporary finishes that will give the facility a modern look, the doors that will open from the lobby to the rehearsal space to allow an overflow space, the attachments for curtains in the rehearsal area that will help dampen noise, the pulley systems that will control backdrops and lighting, the deep orchestra pit, the loading dock and wide hallways that can accommodate stage props.

The large slab of concrete for the lobby area was poured the first week of July. By the first part of this month, the scaffolding will come down and the duct work will begin. “From there, we're off to the races,” Carley said.

Construction of the 72,000-square-foot center began in January 2019, and it is expected to be mostly complete around Thanksgiving, with the first public performance expected in December or January.

**Emergency**

Emergency	911
Unified Police Department Dispatch	801-743-7000
<i>(Non-Emergencies)</i>	
Fire Department	801-743-7200
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control Shelter	801 -965 -5800
Animal Control After Hours Dispatch	801 -840 -4000
Building Inspection	801 -955 -2030
Chamber West <i>(Chamber of Commerce)</i>	801 -977 -8755
Gang Tip Line	385 -468 -9768
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up <i>(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)</i>	385 -468 -6325
Granite School District	385 -646 -5000
Health Department	385 -468 -4100
Highway Conditions <i>(from cell phone)</i>	511
Park Reservations	385 -468 -7275
Public Works <i>(Salt Lake County)</i>	385 -468 -6101
Dominion Energy	800 -323 -5517
Rocky Mountain Power	888 -221 -7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill	801 -974 -6920
Taylorsville - Bennion Imp. District	801 -968 -9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry	801 -815 -0003
Taylorsville Senior Center	385-468-3370
Taylorsville Neighborhood Compliance	801 -955 -2013
Taylorsville Justice Court	801 -963 -0268
Taylorsville Library	801 -943 -4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center	385 -468 -1732
Swimming Pool <i>(Memorial Day to Labor Day)</i>	801 -967 -5006
Taylorsville -Bennion Heritage Center	801 -281 -0631
UDOT Region 2	801 -975 -4900
Utah Transit Authority (UTA)	801 -743 -3882

EVENTS AUGUST 2020

Aug. 5 & 19 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Aug. 8 – dusk

Movies in the Park @ City Hall, west lawn. Movie TBA. Remember to practice social distancing. We will be taping off areas on the grass where families can sit 6 feet apart.

Aug. 11 – 7 p.m. & Aug. 25 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

Through Aug. 22

Lego Art Contest. Send the Arts Council an e-mail to holman.bruce@outlook.com with a picture of your lego sculpture to be judged.

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov

COUNCIL CORNER

Thank you, Taylorsville! I Will Miss My Time on the Council

By Council Member Brad Christopherson

Serving on the City Council for the past 7.5 years is among my proudest accomplishments. I have learned so much about myself and my community, grown as a person and formed cherished friendships too many to count.

While there have been highs and lows, joys and stress, proud moments and a few thankless ones, I've loved every minute of my time on the Council. Like my colleagues who each serve because they care deeply about our community, I consider Taylorsville one of the best places on Earth.

So it is with great regret that I must say goodbye. My family and I have sold our home and are moving just out of the city to neighboring Murray. We won't be far and Taylorsville will always be home, but because our new place is outside my council district's boundaries, I will no longer be able to serve as a Taylorsville City Council member.

My fellow council members have graciously allowed me to use this month's column to express a few of my thoughts about my time as a council member and the importance of service. First, I think it's important to state that no man or woman is an island. Working on the City Council requires teamwork. So although I believe I've helped move the city forward, I can't and won't take credit for anything individually. There is none better than Team Taylorsville, and I am so grateful that I got to be a part of it.

It is a team that knows that the key is to put the city's interests above all others. If you do that, you won't have

any regrets, and you'll be right more often than not.

We've seen this especially as we've worked together in making big decisions about public safety. The No. 1 priority of a city government is public safety, followed by economic development as a close second.

Along those lines, the City Council's recent decision to leave the Unified Police Department will continue that focus on the importance of public safety and maximizing resources. I believe the city is safer now than it was seven years ago, thanks to unwavering support of our police officers. We also have increased the number of officers almost every year since I started, and we will continue to make strides with reduced crime rates as changes are made in the coming years.

We've also made progress in the area of economic development and redevelopment. We are on the cusp of some great things, and with a little help and a little luck, all that we have sought to do will be accomplished. The future is bright for Taylorsville!

Overall, I have seen amazing progress in our city where I've lived for 37 years. I was appointed to the City Council on Jan. 31, 2013, and during this time, I've been involved with the Valley Emergency Communication Center, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District, the city's Budget Committee and Taylorsville Arts Council.

I have enjoyed the City Council more than I could have imagined. There are so many wonderful people who live in and work for the City of Taylorsville.

If you have any interest in serving our community and live in District 3, please consider applying to sit on the Council. The city will give notice of the vacancy in the coming weeks and solicit applications. A special



Left to right: Curt Cochran (District 2)
Ernest Burgess (District 1)
Dan Armstrong, (District 5)
Meredith Harker, Chair (District 4)
Brad Christopherson, Vice Chair (District 3)

City Council meeting will then be held to appoint my replacement. That meeting is tentatively planned for Sept. 30, a fifth Wednesday meeting that otherwise would be "Let's Talk Taylorsville." Basically, it will be a public job interview and the Council will make the final decision. The appointed council member would need to run for election in 2021 to continue serving.

The job is definitely worth it. So thank you again, all! I've had the time of my life.

City Announces Intent to Leave UPD, Form Its Own Police Agency

The City of Taylorsville has sent an administrative letter to members of the Unified Police Department's governing board, informing them of the city's plans to leave the Unified Police Department (UPD) and form its own police agency in the next year.

The letter, dated June 30, gives the department's governing board 12 months' notice of the city's intent to end its contract with UPD. The notification letter was ratified by the City Council by unanimous vote on July 1.

"It is not a decision we made lightly," said Taylorsville Mayor Kristie Overson. "We have long been a champion of UPD and have greatly appreciated their service, particularly the enduring work of our precinct officers to keep our community safe. At the same time, we recognize that we are at a crossroads. We want to take what's great about UPD and build upon it."

Mayor Overson, who chairs the UPD Board Finance Committee, said while the move is expected to result in a savings to Taylorsville City, the decision to form an in-house police department is not solely about cost. Rather, the move comes at a time when models surrounding policing and best practices are at the forefront of collective thinking. "We are always looking for ways to improve and strengthen the community. We see the importance of

policy in relationship to policing. Particularly now, with the current political climate, we do not think it is wise to outsource our police department."

The City of Taylorsville will hold a series of focus groups involving diverse communities to gather input on how the city's new police department should look, its operation and structure, as well as ways to curb costs that have increased year over year under UPD.

City leaders are striving for more direct influence over policing and direct responsibility. "In considering policy, legal and economic issues, all of those roads lead to an independent police department," Mayor Overson said.

City Council Chair Meredith Harker said the five-member Council is in agreement. "Public safety is a responsibility we take very seriously," she said. "When you think about the role of community governance, maintaining and supporting a strong police force is vital."

The city is expected to begin in-house police operations on July 1, 2021.

During this next year, the city will closely study best practices, police modeling, innovations surrounding law enforcement and

vision for the future. That may mean continuing its relationship with UPD or other city police agencies in providing some services. "This is a special opportunity to look at policing differently," Mayor Overson said.

The City of Taylorsville joined UPD in 2012. The Taylorsville precinct includes 60 police officers and three civilian staff members.

Go online to www.taylorsvilleut.gov to view the UPD presentation that was given to the City Council at its July 1 meeting.



THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL TAYLORSVILLE DAYZZ "THANK YOU!"

Thank you for staying home and looking up during our annual fireworks show.

Thanks to our first responders and essential workers.



We are grateful to Mayor Overson and the Taylorsville City Council for their continued support. Major shout out to the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee who volunteered many hours for this event. We will see everyone in the park next year to celebrate Taylorsville's 25th birthday!

Jim Dunnigan / Taylorsville Dayzz Chairman

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Taylorsville Dayzz Virtual 5K Provided Many Ways to Complete the Race

Coming together through crisis, the City of Taylorsville decided to carry on the Taylorsville Dayzz 5K tradition this year by providing runners a unique opportunity to stay connected while staying safely apart.

Like many such events across the nation, our 2020 run was held virtually. A virtual run is just like a traditional run but it takes place on the day, time and location of the runners choice. Participants were encouraged to walk, jog or run their 3.1 miles during the week of what would have been Taylorsville Dayzz, from June 20 to 27. Many runners used the regular Taylorsville Dayzz 5K race route while others knocked out their miles on a treadmill or a trail. One family even set up their own course on a trail and held their own run with snacks and homemade race numbers.

On June 29 and 30, Mayor Kristie Overson, City Council Chair Meredith Harker and race volunteers Jared Smith and Jen Andrus passed out finisher medals, race T-shirts, visors and sunglasses at City Hall. Even though this was a non-traditional year, we still had a blast! Thank you to everyone who “ran out of their comfort zone” and gave the 2020 virtual run a try. We hope to see you (in person) next year!



Taylorsville Arts Council Recognizes Sidewalk Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to the Taylorsville Arts Council's Sidewalk Art Contest winners! Those taking first place in the Children's Category were Brinley Jordison, Whitney Metcalf and McKenzie Metcalf for their colorful collage of a rainbow, sun, heart and flowers.

The Youth Winner was Kaitlyn Hansen for her intricate drawing of a sea turtle. M'Lynn Suwinski was the Adult Winner for her beautiful portrait (We can't believe she was able to do that with chalk!), and Edith Schoepp took Honorable Mention for her fun sketch of a fish and sand dollars.

The contest was one of three creative events the Arts Council has held this summer as a way to host a community arts activity amid coronavirus restrictions. In July, the Council held a Create a COVID-19 Song contest in which participants could submit their own music or make up new lyrics to an existing song.

This month, the Council is holding a Lego Art contest. This is a great opportunity to show off your lego-building technique. Send the Arts Council an e-mail to holman.bruce@outlook.com with a picture of your sculpture by Aug. 22 to be judged.

All winners will win a \$30 cash award, and there will be three categories of winners: Children, ages 11 and younger; Youth, 12-18; and Adults, 19 and over.



Coronavirus Update: Wear a Mask and Stay Healthy

The wearing of face masks is now required in Salt Lake County, including Taylorsville. Salt Lake County has specified that face masks covering the nose and mouth be worn in public areas where consistent social distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible, reasonable or prudent.

Residents are required to wear a mask when entering and exiting restaurants, going shopping or attending community events. In addition, faith leaders across the state are urging all Utahns to use face coverings to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"We pray for the end of this devastating pandemic," they said in a statement. "However, the reality is that our actions must accompany those prayers."

The statement is signed by 28 faith leaders, including representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake, First Baptist Church, Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and Congregation Kol Ami. Read the letter and find additional details about the coronavirus on the city's website at www.taylorsvilleut.gov/services/coronavirus

The intent of Salt Lake County's requirement that residents wear masks in public places is to provide a direct effort to minimize the spread of the virus, without having to impose further restrictions. Salt Lake County Health Department cites recent studies that confirm the effectiveness of face coverings and their ability to reduce the transmission risk 75% to 82%. You can find the Salt



Lake County Health Order, FAQs and other information at www.slco.org/health/COVID-19/business

The order extends through at least Aug. 20.

In addition, Gov. Gary Herbert has announced that face coverings will be required in all public schools. The mandate applies to all students, faculty and visitors who are in school buildings or buses.

Schools statewide will open this fall in accordance with a change to the color-coded Utah Leads Together Plan. Gov. Herbert said schools can open even if an area of the state is in the orange risk category, whereas previously written guidelines prevented school openings in the orange phase. This exception primarily applies to Salt Lake City, which remains at the orange level, while most of the state, including Taylorsville, has been designated yellow or moderate risk.

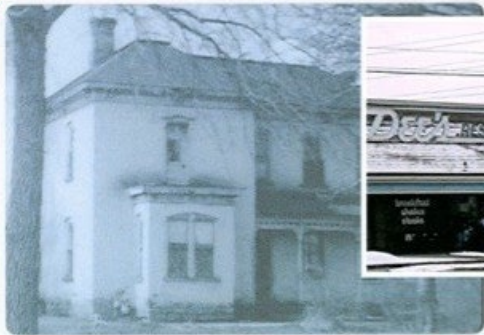

Granite School District has provided a framework for safe school reopening that matches the requirements set by the Utah State Board of Education. Parents of elementary schoolchildren will need to select whether their child will attend in-person instruction or use distance learning by Aug. 3. See additional information including an FAQ from Granite District at www.graniteschools.org

The State of Utah, too, is changing its COVID-19 app. The Bluetooth and GPS components of the app will be discontinued. The app will still be used to do assessments, referrals and test results.

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

This month's column features the history surrounding the plot at 4720 S. Redwood Road where Dee's Family Restaurant is now located. A Heritage Remembrances article was published about 10 years ago regarding this address and is reprinted here. Connie Taney, chair of Taylorsville's Historic Preservation Committee, also received an interesting letter about the property. See the picture of the note dated Nov. 14, 2002:

THEN & NOW

Newlywed Home to Restaurant

This month's exciting piece of history is from the acreage at 4710 South Redwood Road in Taylorsville. This home was built in 1892 and the photo was taken in the 1940's. The original owner of the home was Samuel H. Bennion. It was a two story brick home and came with water rights. It sat back from Redwood Road a little.

The next owner, according to the warranty deed, was Magnus Linden in 1922 and then it fell into the hands of Jennie Isakson. In 1924 it was sold to Victor and Matilda Peterson for the sum of \$4,000.

There was a parlor and two bedrooms downstairs, with a front/back porch. Upstairs were four bedrooms and an attic. Some of the upstairs bedrooms were rented out to Taylorsville newlyweds. The outbuildings included a chicken coop, pig pen, hay storage for the resident cow, and a double garage.

Today, the address is 4720 South Redwood Road and is the current location of the Dee's Family Restaurant!

November 14, 2002

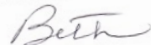
Dear Connie:

It has been awhile since I have talked to you but I wanted to let you know that after two years of searching I finally found a picture of the house at 4720 Redwood Road where my father grew up and where my family lived for a few years.

I had searched everywhere, including the Utah Historical Society, the Church Archives, and the DUP Headquarters there in Salt Lake City. I also wrote to many of the Bennion relatives and my own distant relatives thinking that surely someone had taken a picture at some time. I had pretty much given up, when last Sunday night my sister says to me, "I assume you already have this picture, right?" She then handed me the picture I've included with this letter. I couldn't believe that after all this time, she had the only picture that probably exists of my grandparent's home. My dad thinks the picture was taken in the 1940's.

I guess the moral is to never give up. It's probably right under your nose (or your sister's nose, as in this case.)

Sincerely,



Beth Peltz
939 Terra Bella Ave.
San Jose, CA 95125



Leonard Peterson, age 6,
Matilda Peterson and Ida
Sandstrom, a friend from
Sweden, are pictured in
front of the house at 4710
S. Redwood Road in 1927.

TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive



Senior Center Implements Weekend Lunch Program

Until further notice, Taylorsville Senior Center will remain closed during the COVID-19 opening phases; however, the Taylorsville Senior Center meal program will still be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in a drive-thru fashion.

For questions or to reserve a meal for the following day, please call the Taylorsville Senior Center by 3 p.m. at 385-468-3370. Also, Taylorville Senior Center recently implemented a weekend lunch program. Please call the center by Thursday each week if you would like to pick up two weekend meals on Friday.

Please check out the Senior Center's website, Facebook page, and sign up for their email blast to receive current updates: www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center



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Check Out Utahwatersavers.com for Conservation Tips and Savings

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District encourages customers to conserve water and save money. Utah Water Savers also reminds us to conserve water. Did you know, for instance, there is a website where Utahns are getting paid to save water at home?

From rebates to free landscape consultations, utahwatersavers.com is helping Utahns save both money and water. Visit utahwatersavers.com today to create a free account and start saving. You will find: smart controller rebates, toilet rebates, Locals-apes University rewards and landscape consultations.

If you are ready to start saving water on your landscape or in your home, create a Utah Water Savers account today; water conservation has never been more important. New programs will be added as they are made available, so be sure to check back frequently.

If you have any questions regarding this article, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District at 801-968-9081 or visit their website page at www.tbid.org for additional information.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org.

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.



WASATCH FRONT

Waste & Recycling District

AUGUST WFWRD UPDATES

WFWRD SERVICES

WFWRD provides services to the community that no other waste/recycling organization provides. In addition to its standard curbside waste and recycling collection, the district offers subscription curbside green waste. WFWRD also has bulk waste and green waste trailers available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis, and landfill vouchers for truck or trailer loads available at City Hall. As residents within the WFWRD district, you have access to these and all of the district's other services. Visit their website to find out more: www.wasatchfrontwaste.org.



VOUCHERS



Did you know that WFWRD provides landfill vouchers to residents? These vouchers give Taylorsville residents up to \$16 off one load of acceptable materials at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill. You can obtain these vouchers if you have the ability to haul your own truck or trailer loads to the landfill. The vouchers can be obtained Taylorsville City Hall.

RECYCLING RATES (CLEAN RECYCLING)

Recycling rates measure the amount of usable recycling materials in the curbside blue cans. The remaining materials are contamination that gets sorted and sent to the landfills. The recycling rate has fluctuated over the past year, but has improved. The overall district rate is 78%. Taylorsville's recycling rate is around 79%, based on the last community evaluation conducted.

Recycling disposal costs have also improved. Commodity pricing and demand for materials is going up, which means disposal costs have decreased. The improvement is also due to residents recycling right. WFWRD is currently paying around \$39.46 per ton. This is an improvement of \$26 per ton from January of this year. For more help on "Recycling Right," download WFWRD's free mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.



Recycling Tip #16



Paint is considered hazardous waste and cannot be placed in our blue recycle bins. However, there are disposal and swap programs for unused paint at the SL Valley Solid Waste and the Trans-Jordan Waste facilities.

Recycling Tip #25



Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury and shouldn't be thrown in the trash. Most local home improvement stores operate CFL recycling programs.